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Statement

by Deputy State Secretary for International Cooperation,
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Excellencies,
Honourable/Distinguished Delegates,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all participants of the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development for their precious work and to extend my warmest gratitude to our host, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for providing us with this opportunity to confirm our strong commitment to mobilize the widest possible range of means of implementation for the post 2015 global sustainable development framework. With this intervention, Hungary aligns itself with the joint statement by the EU and its Member States delivered by the Union's High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy.

The stretching planetary boundaries urge us to reinforce our common efforts to attain an efficient, economically well-functioning international system in a dignified and sustainable world. The last decades' evidence shows that the successful implementation of development programs assumes strong political will and support from key development actors . In order to achieve progress towards inclusive societies and balanced development pathways, we are convinced that the implementation of the Post 2015 agenda will have to be based on a genuine Global Partnership for sustainable development on the basis of ownership, involving buy-in from all stakeholders, not only governments but also the private sector, CSOs, academia, local authorities etc. from the North and South as well.

In the frame of such a new Global Partnership, all stakeholders should have their special roles laid down, being accountable for their development activities. Traditional development support should be delivered in the most effective way, by utilizing the comparative advantages/special expertise of the diverse actors in development in a smart way.

Thus, in order to successfully implement the new agenda for sustainable development and poverty eradication we need to unite various means of

implementation, including all the financial and non-financial means, to be applied in an integrated manner.

Hungary is convinced that there is no sustainable development without improving capacity in human resources, which empowers individuals with the right skills and knowledge they need for shaping the future, managing the planet's limited resources and staying engaged in equal and participatory societies. With this perception in mind Hungary has offered hundreds of government scholarships for the young students coming from partner countries to Hungarian Higher Education Institutions and is eager to continue that practice also in the future.

Security of water supplies, integrated water resources management, access to clean and affordable water and sanitation are core elements of sustainable development and inclusive economic growth,, fair living conditions, as well as food and energy security. That is why Hungary is committed to promote sustainable use of water resources and management in its bilateral development programs in the Western-Balkans, as well as in its partner countries in Africa, South and Southeast-Asia.

Hungary, together with fellow Member States that joined the EU most recently is actively engaged in sharing its experiences on democratic institutional and economic transformation with other countries in transition. One among several examples is our program that provides support to constitutional and judiciary reform in Ukraine, including capacity building programs.

Honourable/Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish all the participants fruitful discussions in the next few days and I sincerely hope that with common will and a strong commitment to the global sustainable development agenda, this conference can significantly contribute to making our pathway sustainable, and to realize the future we want.

Thank you for your attention.